

IN THE MATTER OF THE GENERAL) ADJUDICATIONS OF RIGHTS TO USE) OF WATER FROM THE WATER) SYSTEM OF THE COEUR D'ALENE-) SPOKANE RIVER BASIN) <hr style="width: 35%; margin-left: 0;"/>	PROVISIONAL ORDER RE: APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT JUDGE, CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL JURISDICTION AND DETERMINATION OF VENUE FOR THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION OF THE COEUR D'ALENE- SPOKANE RIVER BASIN
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WHEREAS pursuant to I.C. § 42-1406B, upon the filing of petitions by the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, the district court is authorized to commence separate general adjudications of the water rights for the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin, the Palouse River Basin and the Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basins, and

WHEREAS pursuant to I.C. § 42-1406B, unless otherwise ordered by this Court, special jurisdiction for these general adjudications resides in the Snake River Basin Adjudication District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, and

WHEREAS this Court is authorized and directed by I.C. § 42-1406B to assign by order a district judge to preside over the general adjudications and to determine venue of such general adjudications, and

WHEREAS on July 8, 2008, a petition to commence a general adjudication of the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin water system was filed in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Idaho in and for the County of Twin Falls,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the presiding judge of the Snake River Basin Adjudication District Court, an office held at present by District Judge John M. Melanson, be and is hereby, assigned as the presiding judge over the general adjudication of the water rights in the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to I.C. § 42-1406B special jurisdiction for this general adjudication is confirmed and shall reside in the Snake River Basin Adjudication District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Twin Falls.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to I.C. § 42-1406B and I.C. § 42-1407 the Court does hereby designate the Snake River Basin Adjudication District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Twin Falls, as the county and court of venue for this general adjudication proceeding and that all pleadings and documents with regard

to this general adjudication shall be filed with the clerk of that court. Notwithstanding this designation of venue, hearings may be held by masters and the presiding district judge at such places within the State of Idaho as are designated by the masters or presiding judge for the convenience of the parties and witnesses.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of this Court.

DATED this 8th day of August, 2008.

By Order of the Supreme Court

_____/s/_____
Daniel T. Eismann
Chief Justice

ATTEST:_____/s/_____
Clerk